



Agenda Item 6

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Memorandum

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

RE: Transit-Oriented Development in Communities of Concern

During MTC's update of the region's transportation plan, MTC has mentioned a companion initiative called FOCUS. FOCUS is about working together: regional agencies, local governments, and communities collaborating to protect and improve the quality of life in the Bay Area. In the FOCUS process, local governments are partnering with regional agencies to create a development and conservation strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area. FOCUS unites the efforts of four regional agencies – the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Bay Conservation and Development Corporation (BCDC), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and MTC – into a single program that encourages future growth in areas near transit and within the communities that surround the San Francisco Bay. Concentrating housing in these areas offers housing and transportation choices for all residents, while helping to reduce traffic, protect the environment, and enhance existing neighborhoods.

One of the major issues for existing neighborhoods in communities of concern is potential displacement as a result of emerging transit-oriented development. ABAG is in the midst of discussions on this topic, and has launched a program called "Development without Displacement," aimed at identifying the key concerns associated with displacement and attempting to provide solutions.

ABAG planner Marisa Cravens will be at the March MCAC meeting to discuss these issues and solicit feedback from MCAC members. Attached is a memo outlining the program and asking a series of questions of you. You are encouraged to take a look at the questions prior to the meeting in order to engage in a thoughtful discussion and give input at the meeting.